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Forward

Our fourth annual "postcard album" completes our pictorial survey of past and present churches in the Northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. This volume covers Rockland, Somerset and northern Middlesex counties, as well as the Port Jervis area of New York and Pennsylvania. Because of the wide geographical area covered, this volume includes city and suburban churches, rural and small town churches, and churches serving several ethnic communities.

When we began this project back in 1990, I knew nothing about editing and publishing books. Bob Sharp and Academy Books have made my learning process an easy and enjoyable one. I also knew nothing about the history of postcards in America or the attraction they hold for those who collect them. I have developed a great appreciation for this hobby, thanks

to the many generous people whose collections are represented in these four books. They have graciously loaned us cards from their collections and shared their interest and expertise with me.

Thanks for cards printed in this fourth volume go to members of the Half Moon Post Card Club: DeeDee Backus, John Keftler, the Rev. James Parsons, and Frank Rathke; as well as to collectors Barbara Booz, Fred and Mary Megson, Ed Olson and Aileen Roth. But this volume would not have been possible without the many additional cards which have been loaned us by the pastors and historians of several local churches. I am grateful to them all. Thanks also to Alice Berdan and Bill Turkowski, who helped put me in touch with the collectors represented here.

William T. Noll

Introduction

The pictures in this book are all taken from picture postcards. Although postal cards were introduced in the 1870s, they did not contain pictures until 1898. With technology increasing, the publishers could transfer a photograph to the front of a card with a clear, crisp image being reproduced. Most cards of churches are black and white, but occasionally we find lithograph (colored) or hand colored, when a black and white card has color tinted on it. These are the types of commercially produced cards which appeared in the early years of this century. Until 1906 all messages were required by law to appear on the picture side. This is why so many of the early cards have writing on the front. After 1906 the back of the card was divided into two parts, one for message, the other for address.

Literally billions of cards were produced. The penny postcard was an essential of everyday life, as well as a collecting craze. Every child had an album which, before the advent of radio and television, gave a look at far away places and events. Before cars and telephones, the postcards were used for messages. If you planned to visit, you simply told your host "Arrive tomorrow on the 7:14," and you sent your message for one cent on a beautiful card. Clubs just for postcard exchange were organized. Soon people make their own cards. This was done by reproducing photographs on photographic paper. These are called real photo cards. Many local photographers would take pictures at fairs,

disasters, parades, etc. and sell them at booths or from their stores.

This postcard craze was short-lived. Most of the cards were produced in Germany and, with the advent of World War I, production decreased rapidly. The subsequent domestically produced cards were blurry and on poor quality paper. For these reasons, the bulk of our cards were produced from 1900-1914. Churches were always favorite topics with their high steeples and architectural windows. They were cards avidly sought. Since commercially produced cards were done in lots of a thousand, many have survived today. Births, weddings, and deaths were commemorated in the local church so every town and little store had cards of the local church.

When viewing the cards, try to put yourself into the time frame of early 1900, when roads were dirt, travel was by foot or wagon. There were no motion pictures, radio, or TV. The church was the center of these rural agricultural communities. Harvest Homes, Rally Days, Men's Days, Ladies Days, Epworth Leagues were eagerly awaited events. These churches served as spiritual and social centers. Amazingly, you will find that many of these churches survive. With wood frames, lighted attractive high spires, and wood or coal-burning furnaces, they almost invite calamity. Fortunately, except in a few rare cases, church boards have decided to retain the original architecture and the churches look much as they did almost a century ago.

William Turkowski

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

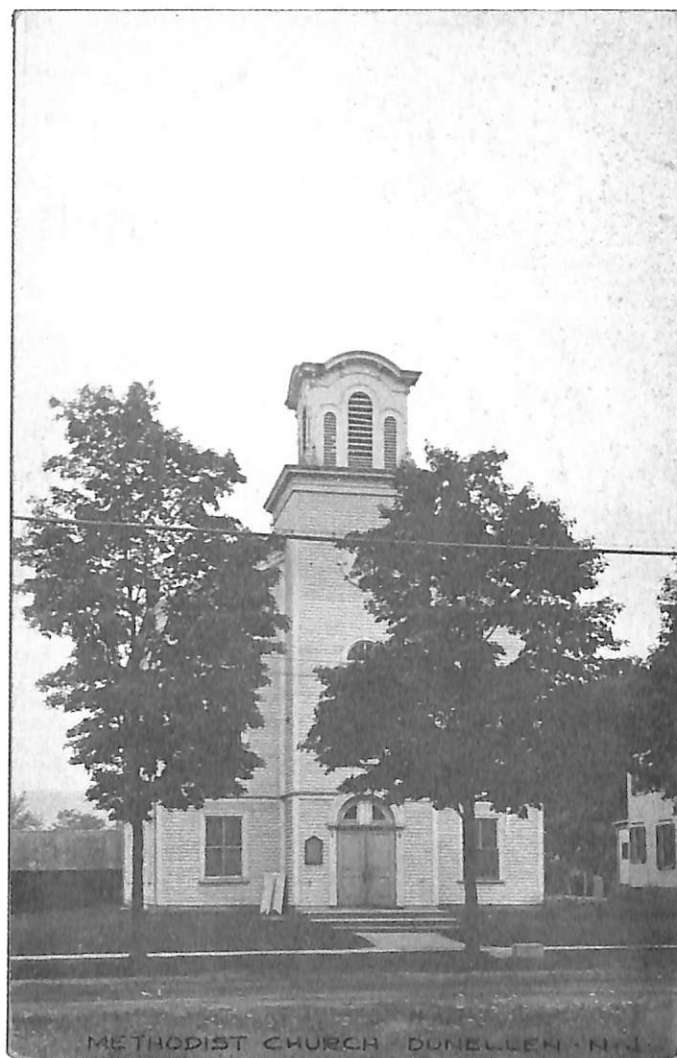
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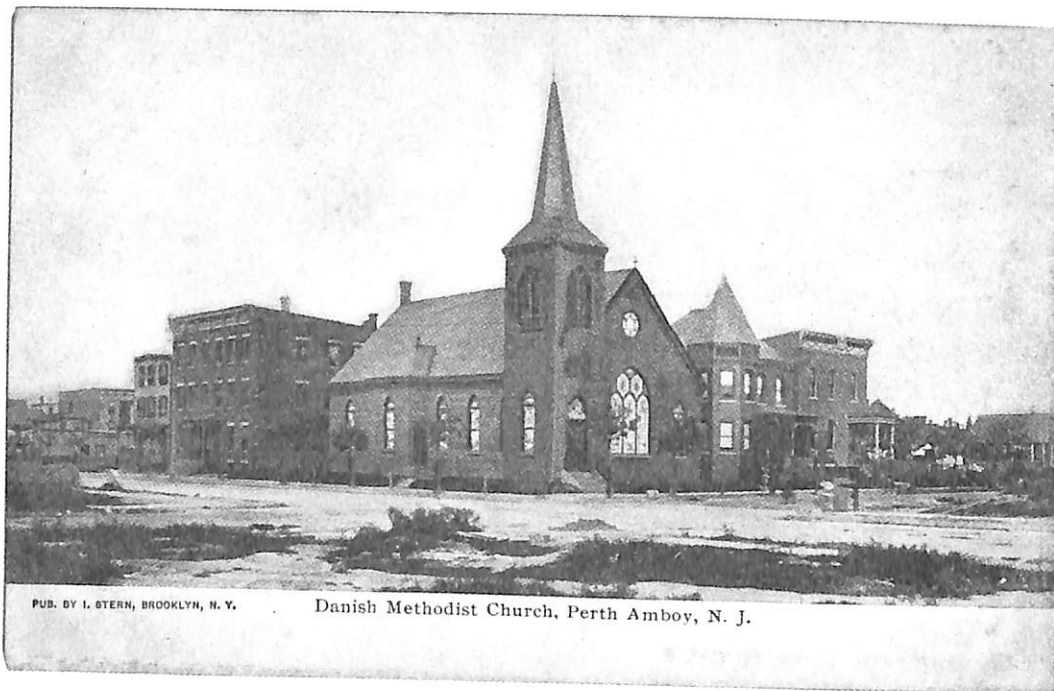
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Danish Methodist Church, Perth Amboy, N. J.



6—Methodist Church, Metuchen, N. J.

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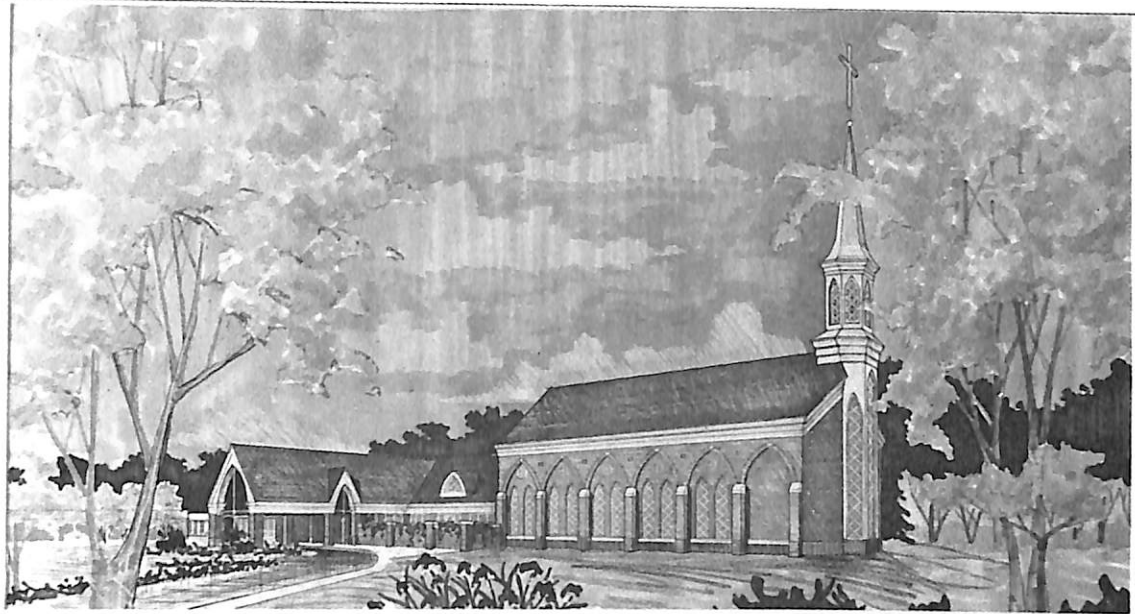
Next Sunday being Easter Sunday, also the last Sunday of the conference year, the services at the above church will be of an appropriate character, with special music.

We desire to have a large attendance of the members of the church and congregation and therefore we send you a cordial invitation to the services. Yours sincerely,

BENSON S. CROWCROFT.



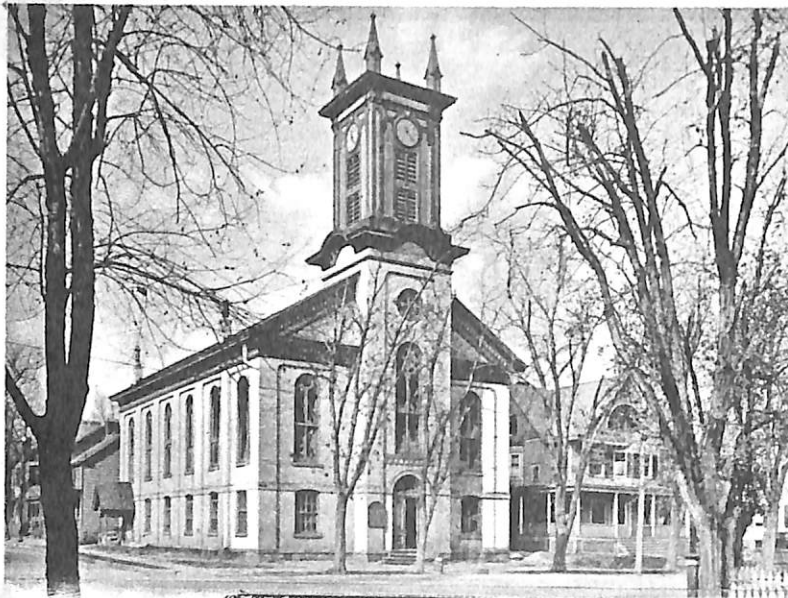
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M. E. CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, WOODBRIDGE, N. J.



PORT JERVIS AREA

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Eldred, NY	x	k	9	Rio, NY	—	—	—
Godeffroy, NY				Slate Hill	—	b	13
(Free Will)	—	b	10	Sparrowbush, NY	x	b	16
Greenville, NY	x	—	—	Unionville, NY	—	b	16
Matamoras, PA	x	k	10	Westbrookville, NY			
Milford, PA	x	b	11	(NYC)	x	b	17
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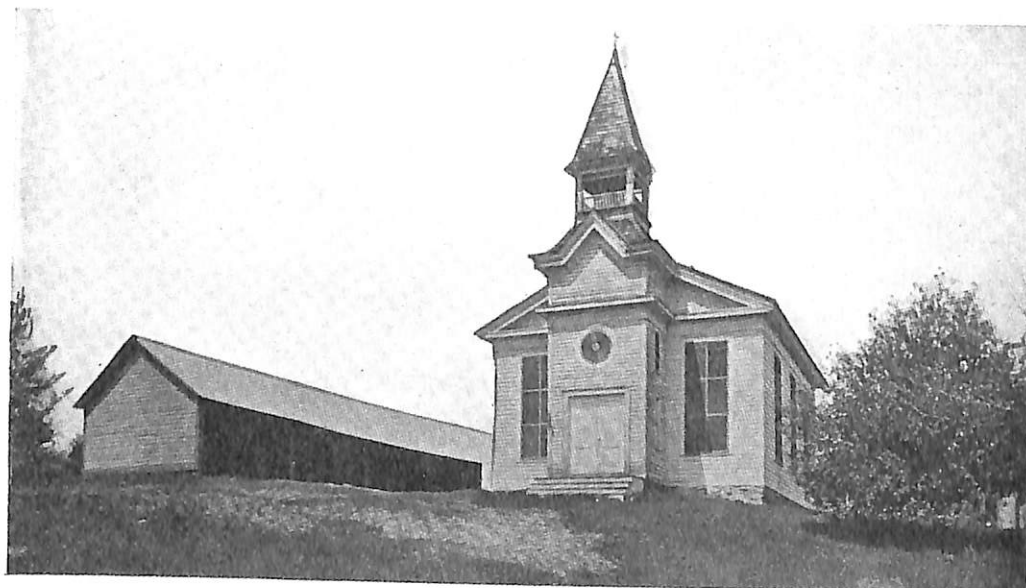
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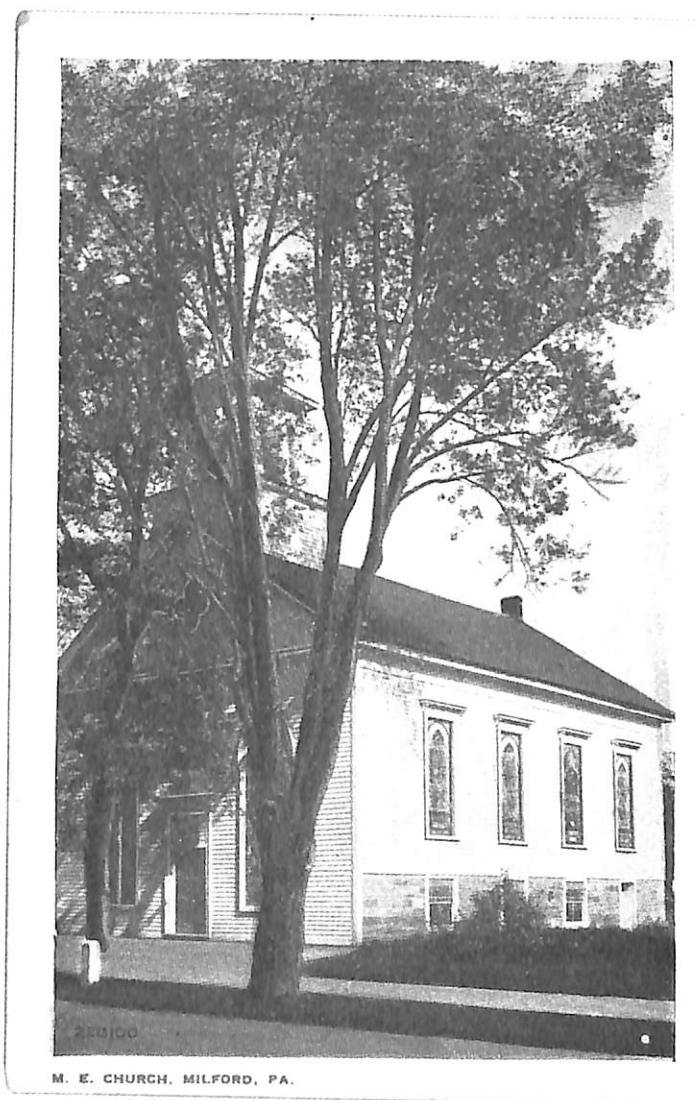


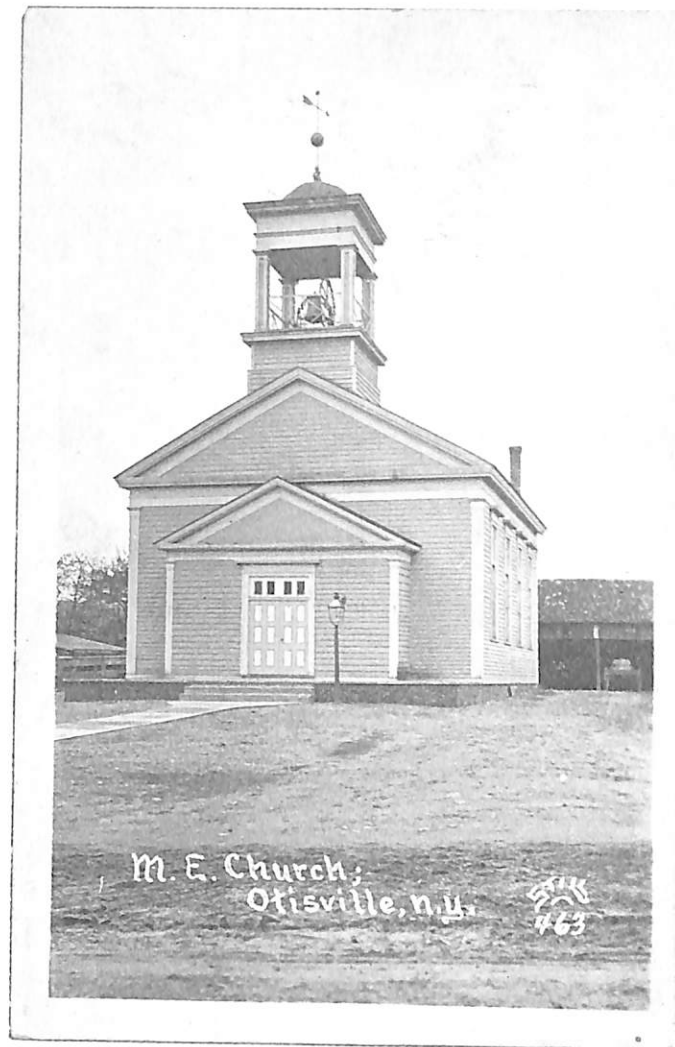
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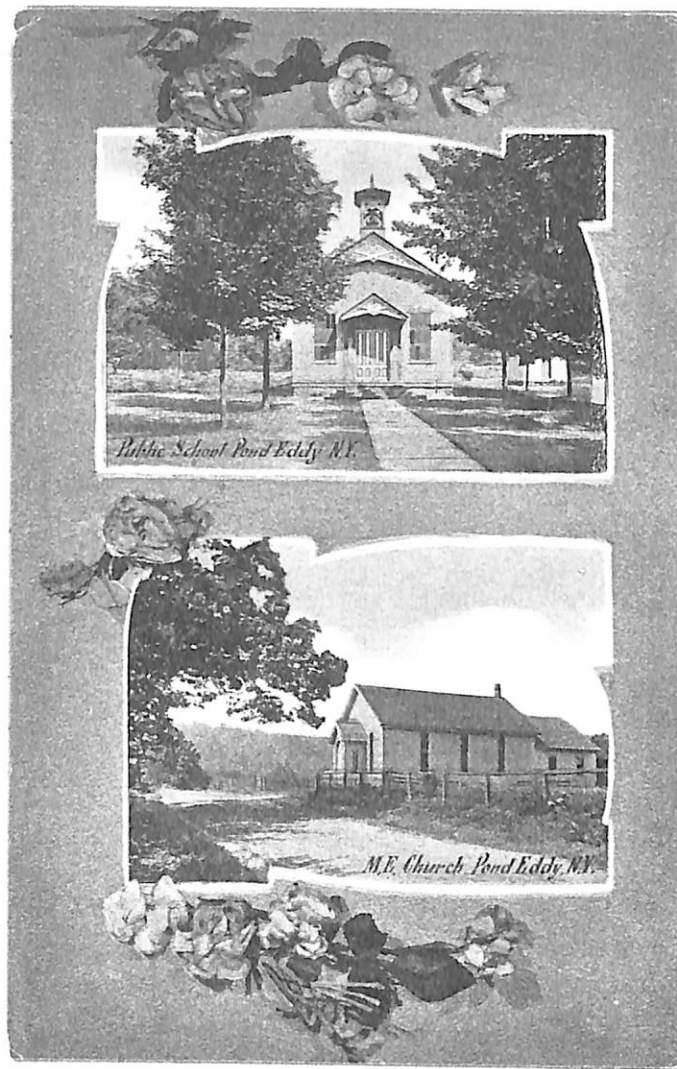
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M. E. CHURCH, MATAMORAS, PA.









Public School Pond Eddy N.Y.

M.E. Church Pond Eddy N.Y.



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M.E. CHURCH
SLATE HILL, N.Y.



Post Card

This space may be used for
Correspondence after March 1st 1907

The Address only to be
Written Here



Dear Scholar :

Next Sunday, October 6th, is Rally Day and we want to see every scholar present. Will you help us accomplish this by being present yourself and by bringing some member of your class who has not been attending regularly ?

We have something to present to the school at this time that will be of interest to all.

Sincerely,

Ellsworth Elston Teacher.
J. A. WYLIE, Supt.



Drew M. E.
Church, Port
Jervis, N. Y.

Drew Methodist Church

Orange Square
PORT JERVIS, N.Y.

Methodist beginnings in Port Jervis go back to 1812. The present congregation was formed in 1832 and formally organized in 1838, when a church building was erected on Hudson St. The present structure on Orange Square was built in 1868, and rebuilt in 1894 after almost complete destruction by a windstorm. Drew House, the parish house, was added in 1923.

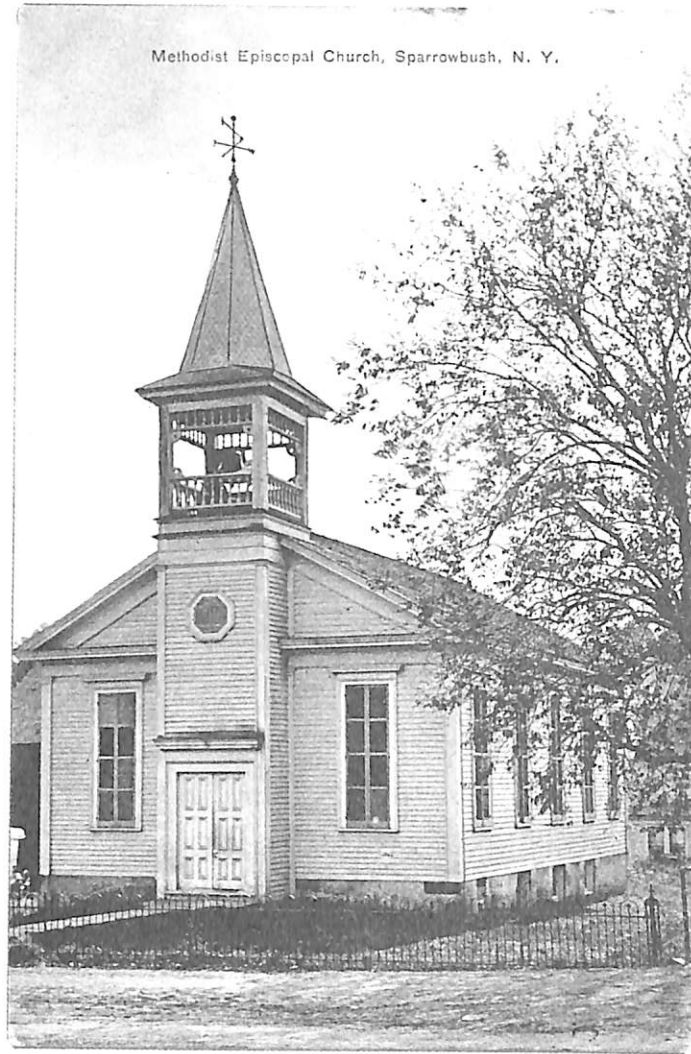
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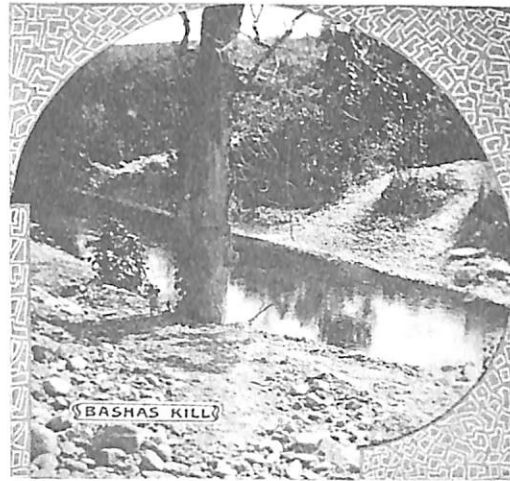
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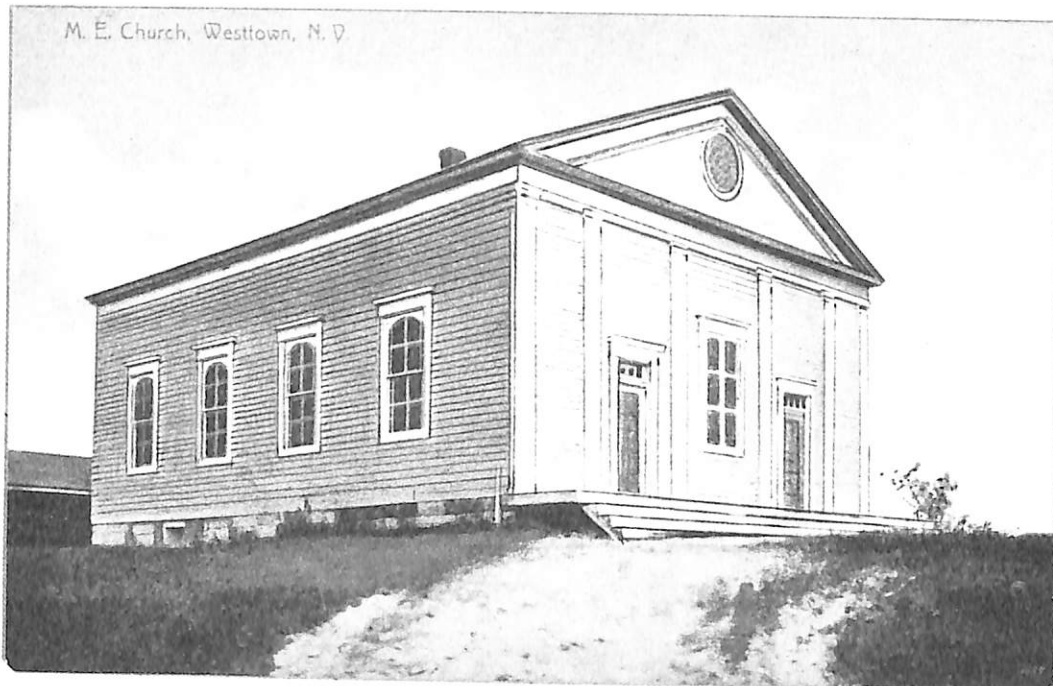


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WESTBROOKVILLE, N.Y.

E.F. BRANNING'S
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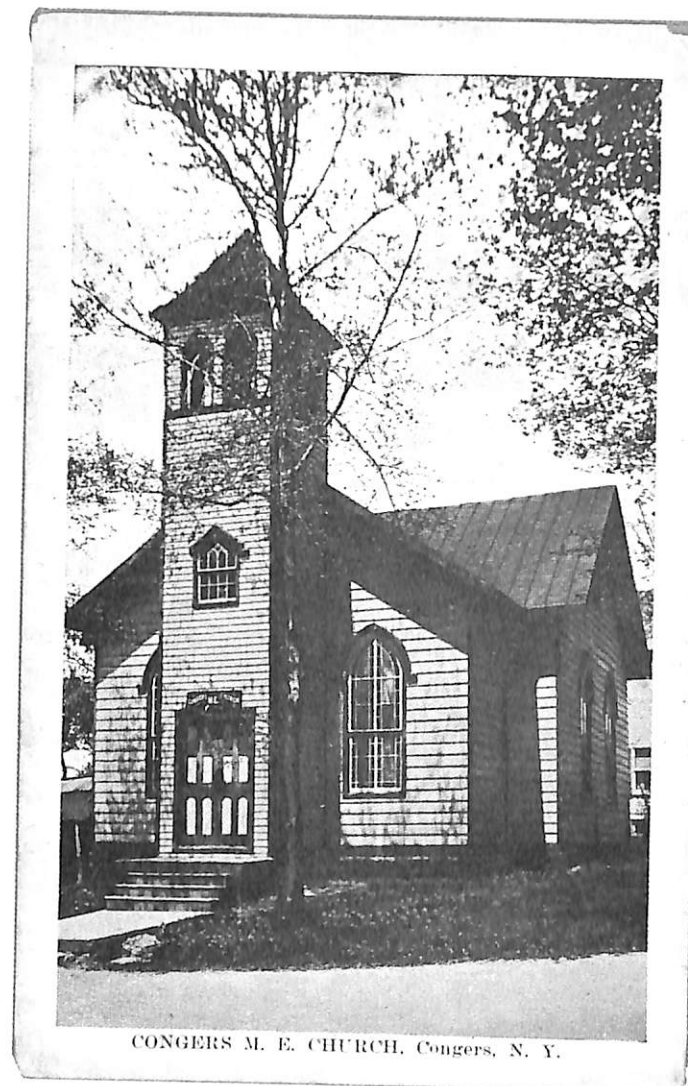


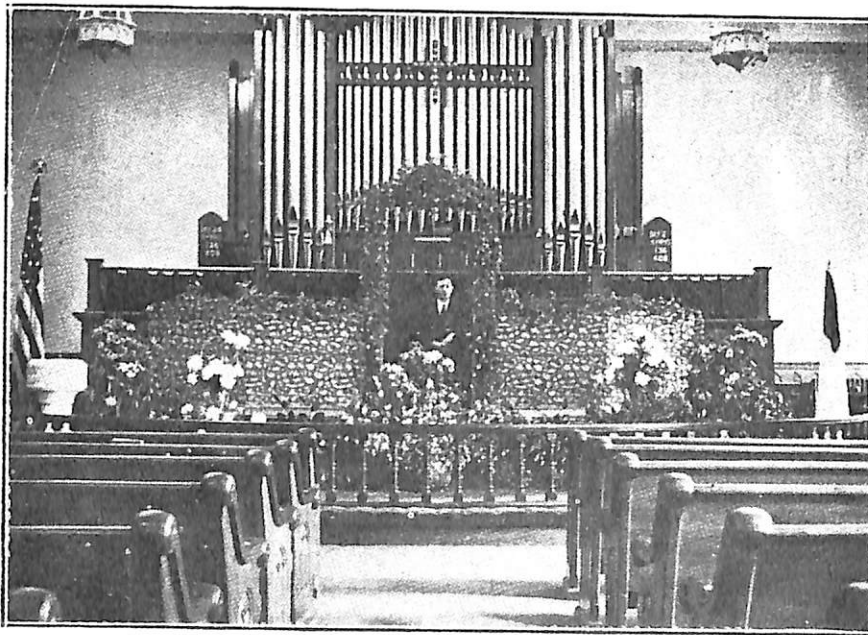
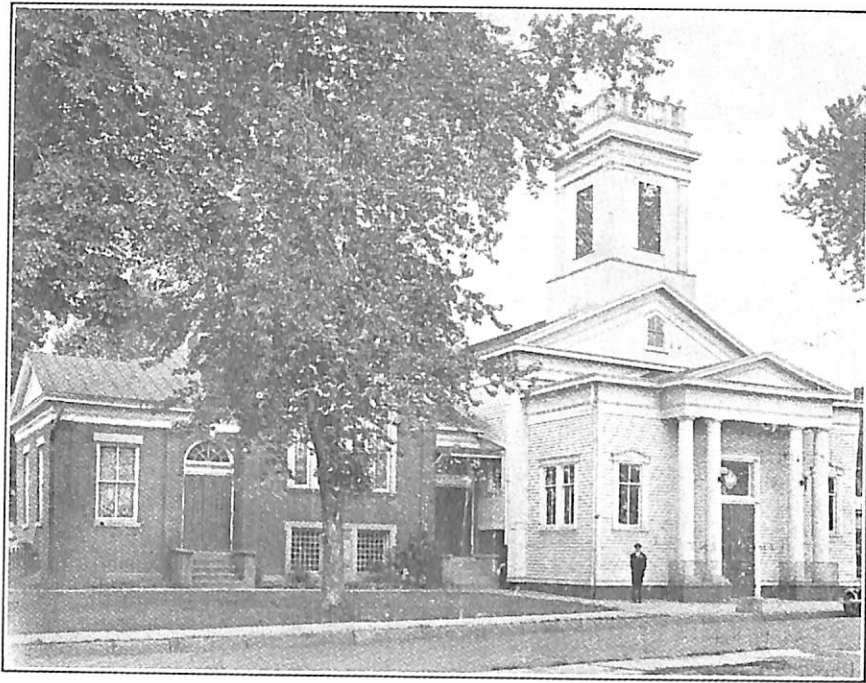
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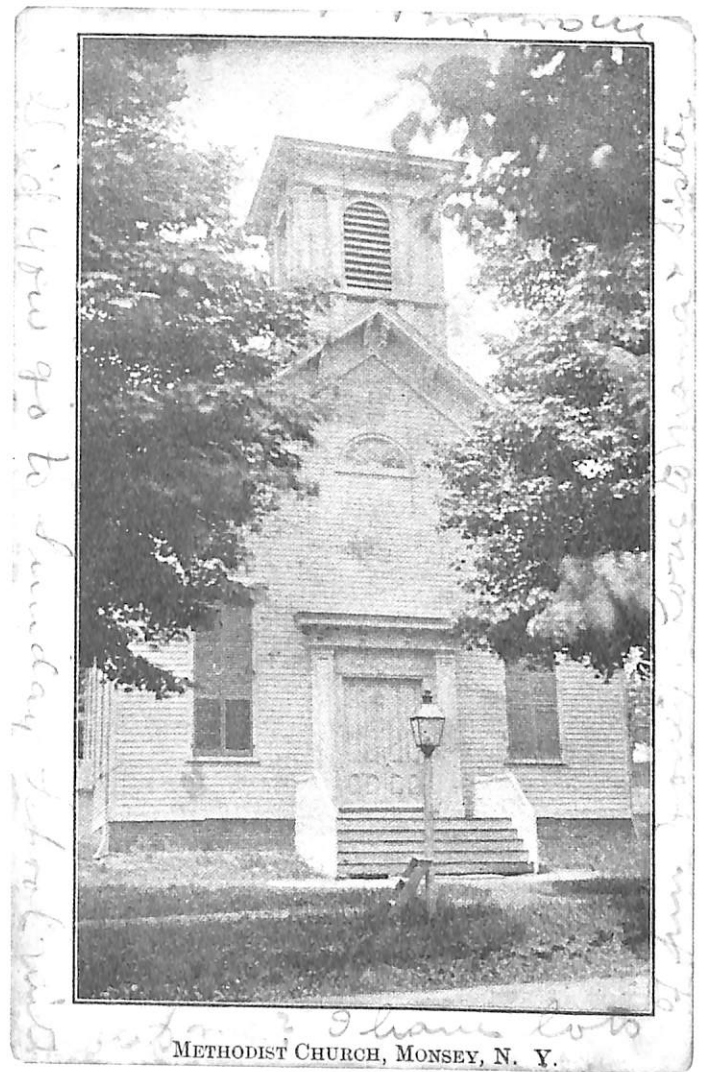
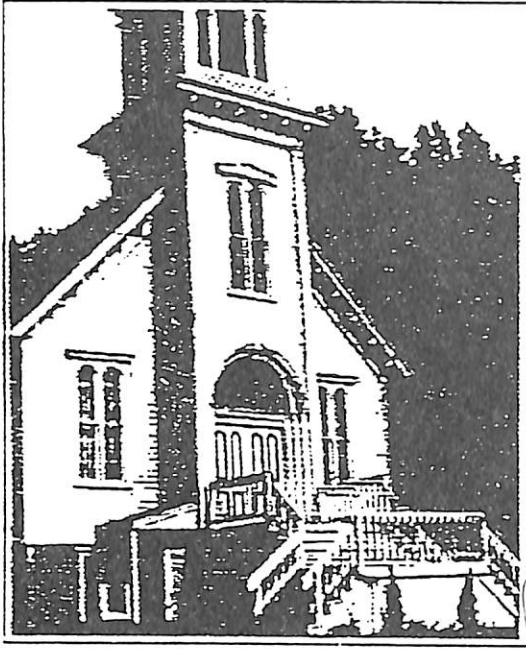
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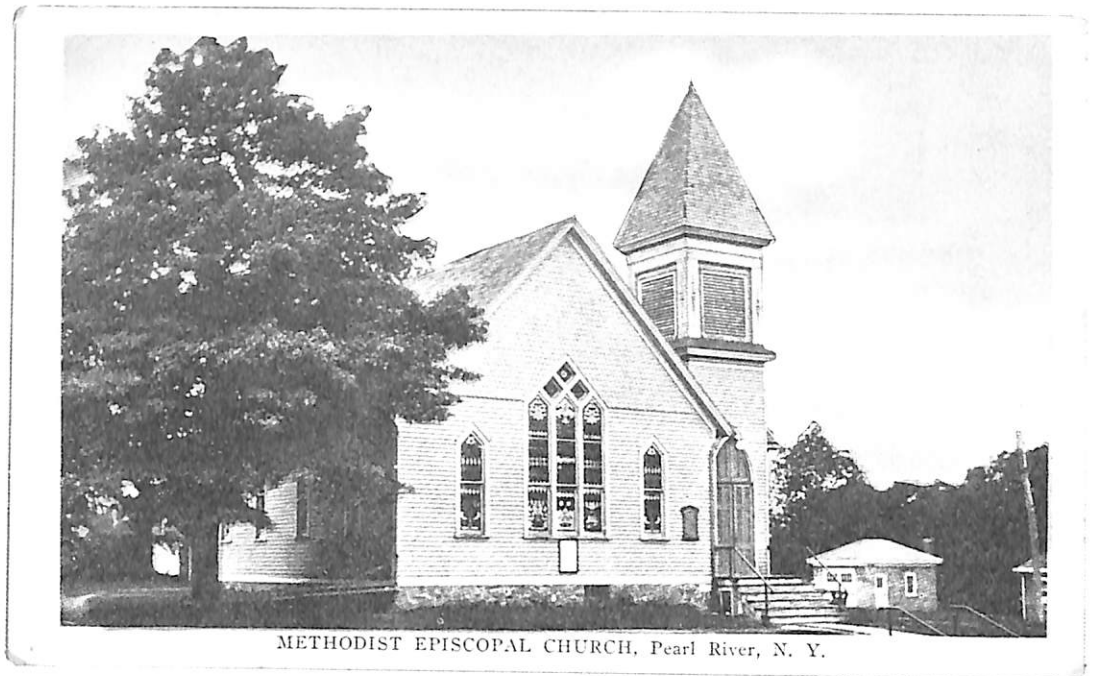
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Nyack	x	p	22	Viola	x	l	25
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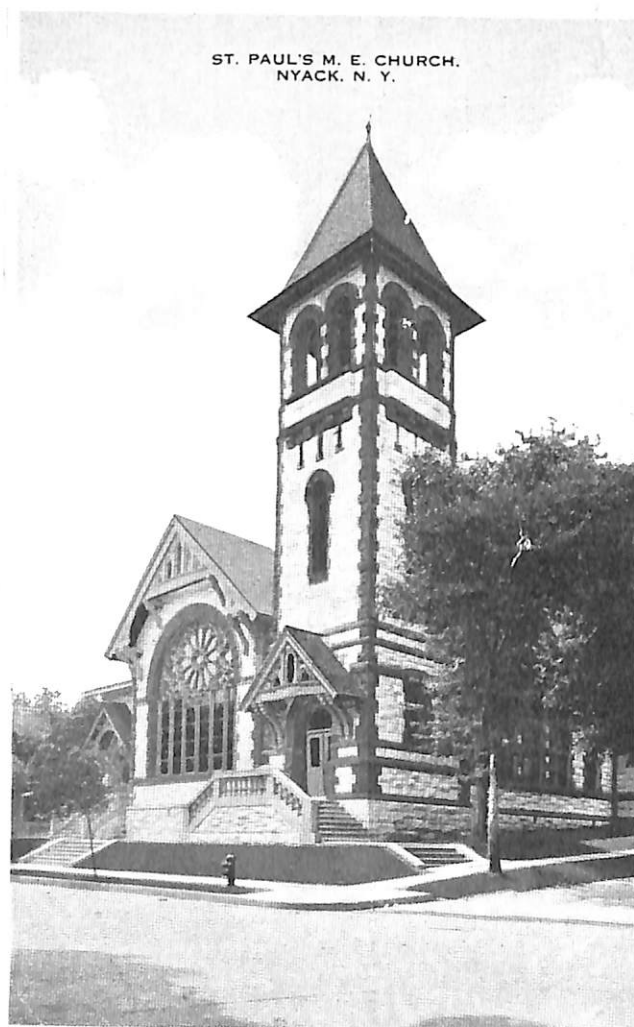




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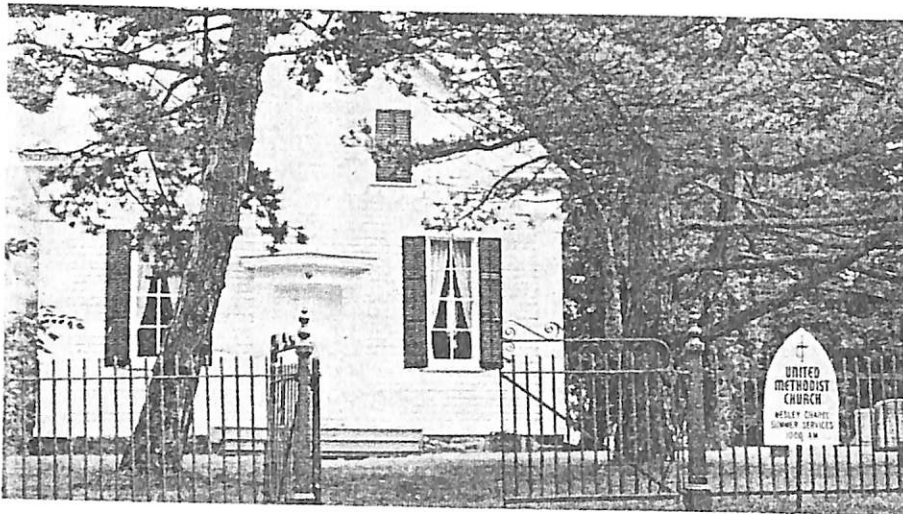
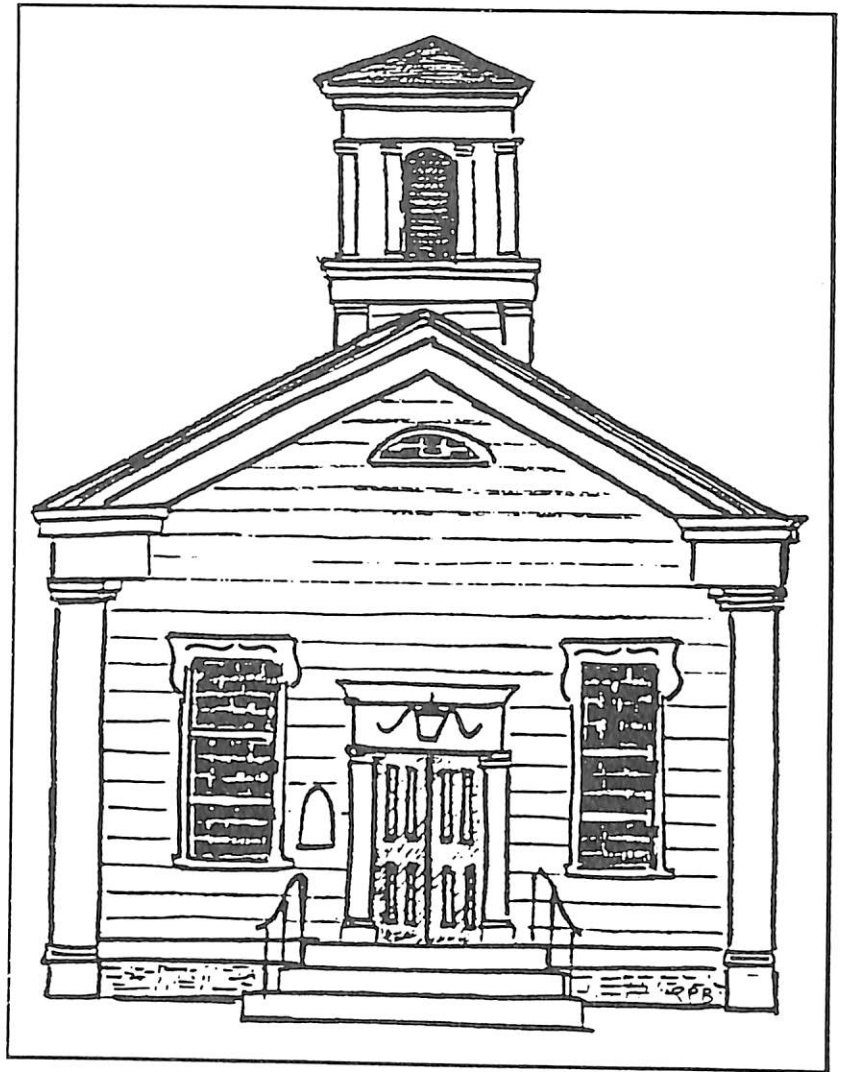
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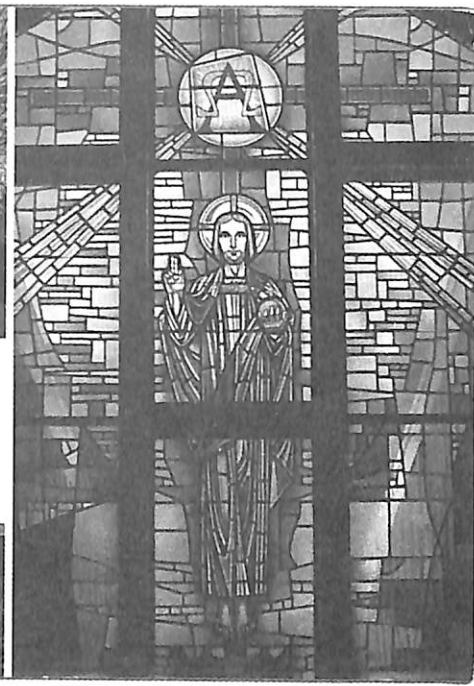
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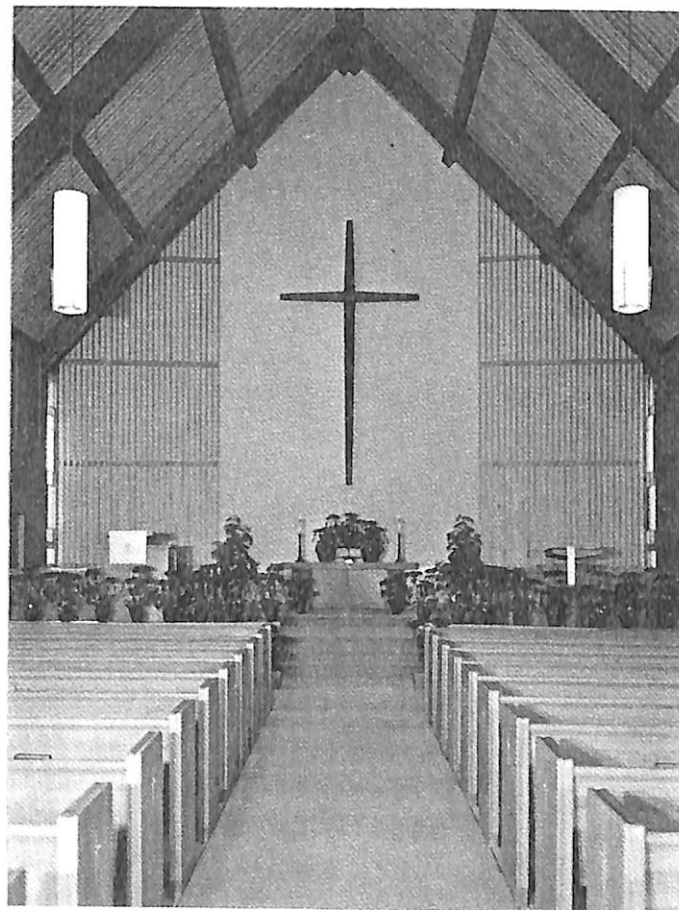
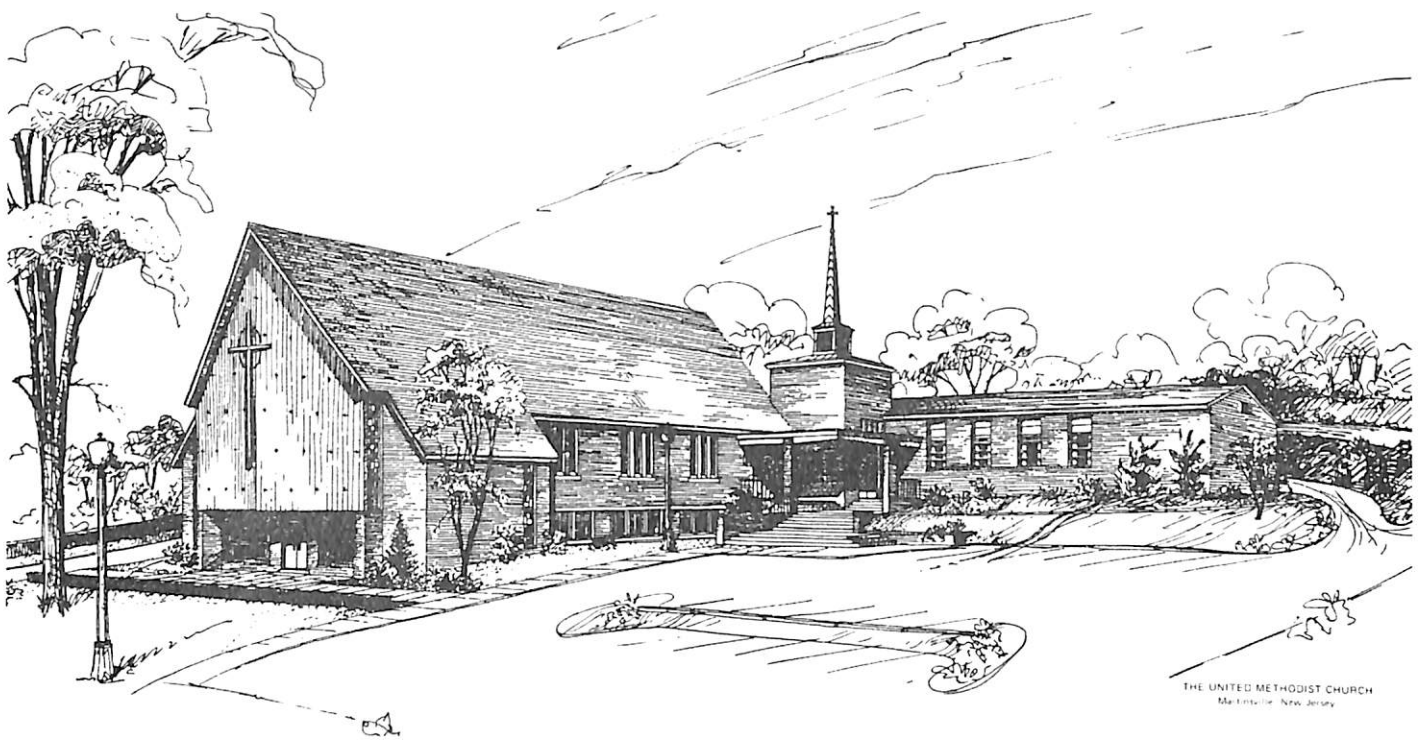
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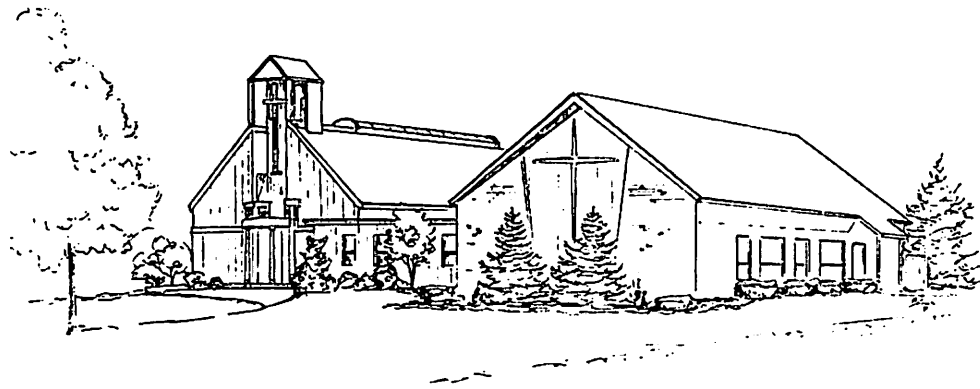
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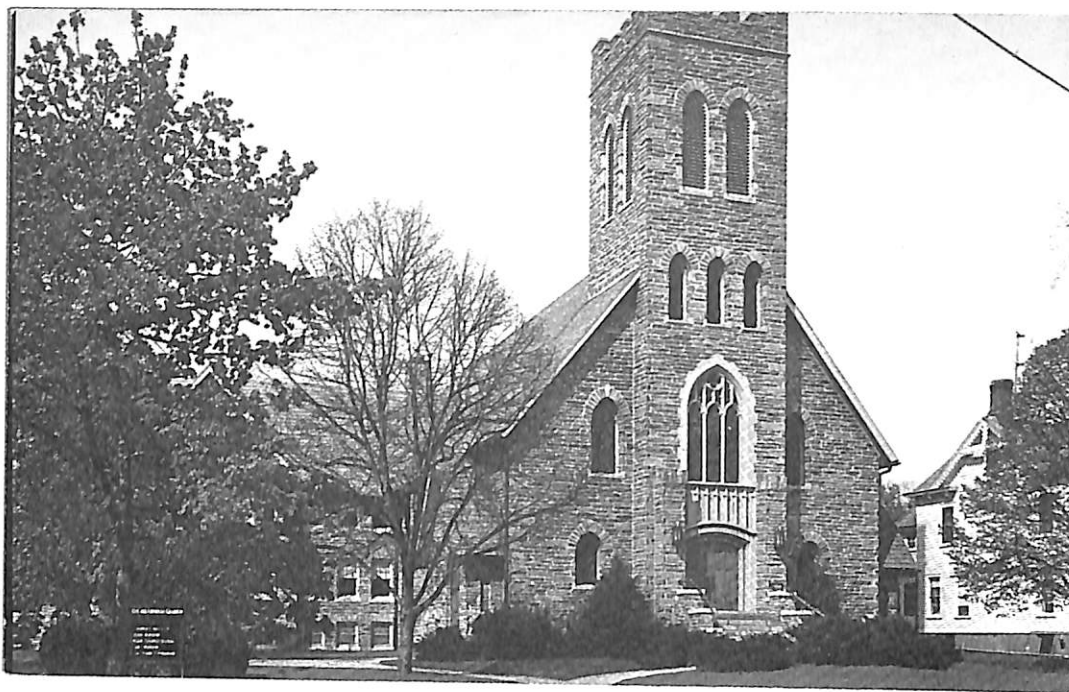
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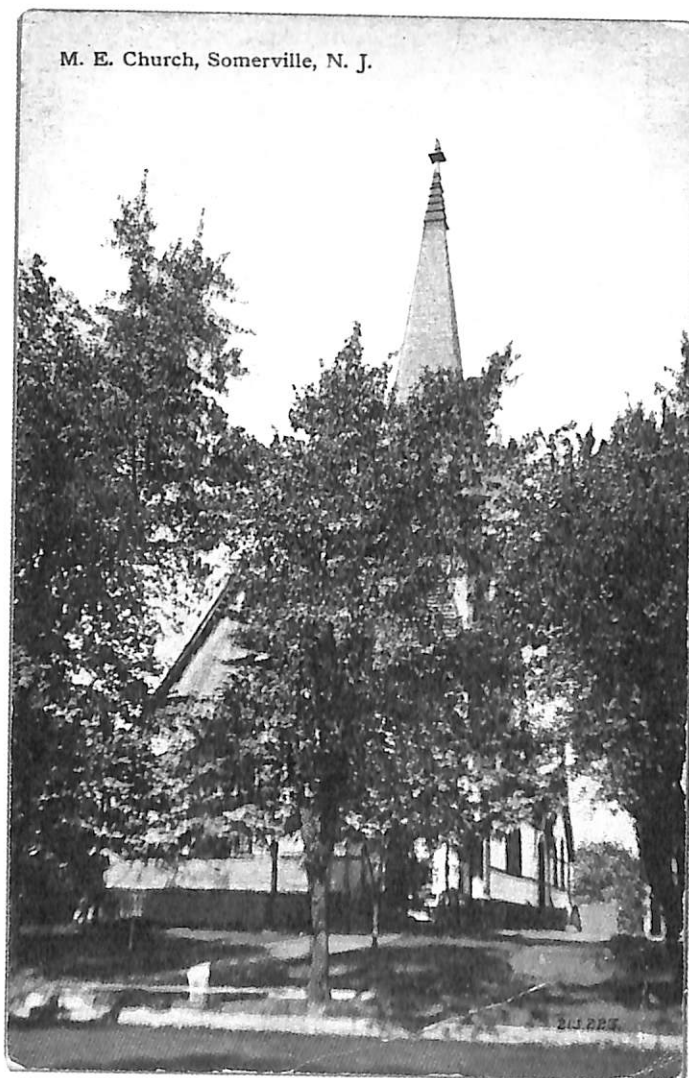




*Montgomery United Methodist Church
Belle Mead, New Jersey*



M. E. Church, Somerville, N. J.



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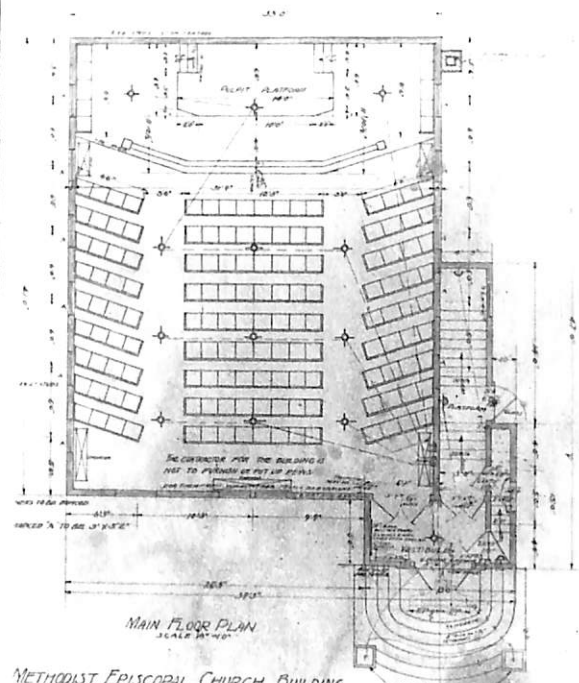




FRONT ELEVATION
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILDING
TO BE ERECTED AT KENILWORTH, N. J.

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Summerfield		1	44	Wesley Chapel		4	25
Summit	First	3	48	West Portal		1	16
Sumit	Oakes	3	49	Westbrookville		4	17
Swartswood		1	27	Westfield		3	50
Teaneck		2	22	Westtown		4	17
Tenaflly		2	23	Wharton		3	41
Totowa		2	47	Whippany		3	41
Towaco		3	40	White House		1	17
Union		3	49	Woodbridge		4	7
Union City	First	2	37	Wyckoff		2	25, 43

